

5000 TOEFL Vocabulary List (2)

cab

- n. small two-wheeled horse-drawn carriage; with two seats and a folding hood
- n. a compartment at the front of a motor vehicle or locomotive where driver sits

cabal

- n. a plot to carry out some harmful or illegal act (especially a political plot)
- v. engage in plotting or enter into a conspiracy, swear together

cabin

- n. a small house built of wood; usually in a wooded area
- v. confine to a small space, such as a cabin

cabinetmaker

- n. a woodworker who specializes in making furniture

cadaverous

- a. of or relating to a cadaver or corpse
- a. very thin especially from disease or hunger or cold

cadence

- n. the close of a musical section
- n. (prosody) the accent in a metrical foot of verse

calculate

- v. judge to be probable
- v. keep an account of

calculation

- n. problem solving that involves numbers or quantities
- n. the procedure of calculating; determining something by mathematical or logical methods

calculator

- n. an expert at calculation (or at operating calculating machines)
- n. a small machine that is used for mathematical calculations

calibration

- n. the act of checking or adjusting (by comparison with a standard) the accuracy of a measuring instrument

calm

- v. make calm or still
- a. not agitated; without losing self-possession

camouflage

- n. the act of concealing the identity of something by modifying its appearance
- n. fabric dyed with splotches of green and brown and black and tan; intended to make the wearer of a garment made of this fabric hard to distinguish from the background

campaign

- v. run, stand, or compete for an office or a position
- v. go on a campaign; go off to war

cancel

- v. remove or make invisible
- v. postpone indefinitely or annul something that was scheduled

cancellation

- n. the act of cancelling; calling off some arrangement
- n. the speech act of revoking or annulling or making void

candid

- a. openly straightforward and direct without reserve or secretiveness
- a. characterized by directness in manner or speech; without subtlety or evasion

candidate

- n. a politician who is running for public office
- n. someone who is considered for something (for an office or prize or honor etc.)

cannibalism

- n. the practice of eating the flesh of your own kind

canopy

- n. the transparent covering of an aircraft cockpit
- n. the umbrellalike part of a parachute that fills with air

canvas

- v. consider in detail and subject to an analysis in order to discover essential features or meaning
- n. the mat that forms the floor of the ring in which boxers or professional wrestlers compete

canyon

- n. a ravine formed by a river in an area with little rainfall

capability

- n. the susceptibility of something to a particular treatment
- n. an aptitude that may be developed

capable

- a. (usually followed by `of') having capacity or ability
- a. (followed by `of') having the temperament or inclination for

capacity

- n. the maximum production possible
- n. the susceptibility of something to a particular treatment

capillary

- n. a tube of small internal diameter; holds liquid by capillary action
- a. long and slender with a very small internal diameter

captivity

- n. the state of being a slave
- n. the state of being imprisoned

carapace

- n. hard outer covering or case of certain organisms such as arthropods and turtles

carat

- n. the unit of measurement for the proportion of gold in an alloy; 18-karat gold is 75% gold; 24-karat gold is pure gold
- n. a unit of weight for precious stones = 200 mg

carbohydrate

- n. an essential structural component of living cells and source of energy for animals; includes simple sugars with small molecules as well as macromolecular substances; are classified according to the number of monosaccharide groups they contain

cardiac

- a. of or relating to the heart

cardinal

- a. being or denoting a numerical quantity but not order
- n. the number of elements in a mathematical set; denotes a quantity but not the order

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career

- n. the particular occupation for which you are trained
- n. the general progression of your working or professional life

careerism

- n. the practice of advancing your career at the expense of your personal integrity

careful

- a. mindful of the future in spending money
- a. unhurried and with care and dignity

careless

- a. marked by lack of attention or consideration or forethought or thoroughness; not careful
- a. effortless and unstudied

carelessly

ad. in a rakish manner
ad. without caution or prudence

cargo

n. goods carried by a large vehicle

caricature

v. represent in or produce a caricature of
n. a representation of a person that is exaggerated for comic effect

carnival

n. a frenetic disorganized (and often comic) disturbance suggestive of a large public entertainment
n. a traveling show; having sideshows and rides and games of skill etc.

carnivorous

a. relating to or characteristic of carnivores
a. (used of plants as well as animals) feeding on animals

carve

v. cut to pieces
v. engrave or cut by chipping away at a surface

carver

n. United States botanist and agricultural chemist who developed many uses for peanuts and soy beans and sweet potatoes (1864-1943)
n. an artist who creates sculptures

carving

n. creating figures or designs in three dimensions
n. removing parts from hard material to create a desired pattern or shape

cassette

n. a container that holds a magnetic tape used for recording or playing sound or video

cast

v. move about aimlessly or without any destination, often in search of food or employment
v. form by pouring (e.g., wax or hot metal) into a cast or mold

casting

n. object formed by a mold
n. the act of throwing a fishing line out over the water by means of a rod and reel

cast-iron

a. extremely robust

casual

a. occurring or appearing or singled out by chance
a. natural and unstudied

catalyst

- n. something that causes an important event to happen
- n. (chemistry) a substance that initiates or accelerates a chemical reaction without itself being affected

catastrophe

- n. an event resulting in great loss and misfortune
- n. a state of extreme (usually irremediable) ruin and misfortune

catching

- n. becoming infected
- a. (of disease) capable of being transmitted by infection

categorize

- v. place into or assign to a category

category

- n. a general concept that marks divisions or coordinations in a conceptual scheme
- n. a collection of things sharing a common attribute

cater

- v. supply food ready to eat; for parties and banquets
- v. give what is desired or needed, especially support, food or sustenance

caterpillar

- n. a large tracked vehicle that is propelled by two endless metal belts; frequently used for moving earth in construction and farm work
- n. a wormlike and often brightly colored and hairy or spiny larva of a butterfly or moth

cathedral

- a. relating to or containing or issuing from a bishop's office or throne
- n. the principal Christian church building of a bishop's diocese

cause

- n. a justification for something existing or happening
- n. any entity that produces an effect or is responsible for events or results

caution

- v. warn strongly; put on guard
- n. judiciousness in avoiding harm or danger

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cautious

- a. avoiding excess
- a. showing careful forethought

cautiously

ad. as if with kid gloves; with caution or prudence or tact
ad. in a conservative manner

cavern

v. hollow out as if making a cavern
n. any large dark enclosed space

cavity

n. a sizeable hole (usually in the ground)
n. soft decayed area in a tooth; progressive decay can lead to the death of a tooth

cease

n. ('cease' is a noun only in the phrase 'without cease') end
v. put an end to a state or an activity

ceaseless

a. uninterrupted in time and indefinitely long continuing

celebrate

v. have a celebration
v. behave as expected during of holidays or rites

celebrated

a. widely known and esteemed
a. having an illustrious past

celebrity

n. a widely known person
n. the state or quality of being widely honored and acclaimed

celestial

a. relating to or inhabiting a divine heaven
a. of heaven or the spirit

cell

n. (biology) the basic structural and functional unit of all organisms; they may exist as independent units of life (as in monads) or may form colonies or tissues as in higher plants and animals
n. any small compartment

census

v. conduct a census
n. a periodic count of the population

centenary

a. of or relating to or completing a period of 100 years
n. the 100th anniversary (or the celebration of it)

centennial

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- n. the 100th anniversary (or the celebration of it)

centigrade

- a. of or relating to a temperature scale on which the freezing point of water is 0 degrees and the boiling point of water is 100 degrees

ceremonial

- a. marked by pomp or ceremony or formality
- n. a formal event performed on a special occasion

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ceremony

- n. any activity that is performed in an especially solemn elaborate or formal way
- n. the proper or conventional behavior on some solemn occasion

chafe

- v. cause annoyance in; disturb, especially by minor irritations
- n. anger produced by some annoying irritation

chagrin

- n. strong feelings of embarrassment
- v. cause to feel shame; hurt the pride of

chalk

- n. a pure flat white with little reflectance
- n. a soft whitish calcite

chamber

- n. a room used primarily for sleeping
- v. place in a chamber

champion

- n. someone who has won first place in a competition
- n. someone who is dazzlingly skilled in any field

championship

- n. the status of being a champion
- n. a competition at which a champion is chosen

chaos

- n. (Greek mythology) the most ancient of gods; the personification of the infinity of space preceding creation of the universe
- n. the formless and disordered state of matter before the creation of the cosmos

chaotic

- a. lacking a visible order or organization
- a. completely unordered and unpredictable and confusing

chapel

- n. a service conducted in a place of worship that has its own altar
- n. a place of worship that has its own altar

character

- v. engrave or inscribe characters on
- n. an actor's portrayal of someone in a play

characteristic

- n. any measurable property of a device measured under closely specified conditions
- n. a prominent attribute or aspect of something

characterize

- v. be characteristic of
- v. describe or portray the character or the qualities or peculiarities of

charcoal

- a. of a very dark grey
- n. a drawing made with a stick of black carbon material

charitable

- a. full of love and generosity
- a. relating to or characterized by charity

chart

- n. a map designed to assist navigation by air or sea
- v. represent by means of a graph

charter

- v. grant a charter to
- v. hold under a lease or rental agreement; of goods and services

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chaste

- a. abstaining from unlawful sexual intercourse
- a. morally pure (especially not having experienced sexual intercourse)

chat

- v. talk socially without exchanging too much information
- n. songbirds having a chattering call

chateau

- n. an impressive country house (or castle) in France

check

- v. mark into squares or draw squares on; draw crossed lines on
- v. make an examination or investigation

checkout

- v. be verified or confirmed; pass inspection
- v. withdraw money by writing a check

checkup

- n. a thorough physical examination; includes a variety of tests depending on the age and sex and health of the person

chef

- n. a professional cook

cherish

- v. be fond of; be attached to

chili

- n. ground beef and chili peppers or chili powder often with tomatoes and kidney beans
- n. very hot and finely tapering pepper of special pungency

chill

- v. loose heat
- n. an almost pleasurable sensation of fright

chilly

- n. very hot and finely tapering pepper of special pungency
- a. not characterized by emotion

chisel

- v. carve with a chisel
- v. engage in deceitful behavior; practice trickery or fraud

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chivalry

- n. courtesy towards women
- n. the medieval principles governing knighthood and knightly conduct

choir

- n. a family of similar musical instrument playing together
- n. a chorus that sings as part of a religious ceremony

choke

- v. breathe with great difficulty, as when experiencing a strong emotion
- v. reduce the air supply

chop

- v. form or shape by chopping
- v. strike sharply, as in some sports

choppy

- a. marked by abrupt transitions
- a. rough with small waves

chord

- v. play chords on (a string instrument)
- n. a combination of three or more notes that blend harmoniously when sounded together

chore

- n. a specific piece of work required to be done as a duty or for a specific fee

choreograph

- v. compose a sequence of dance steps, often to music
- v. plan and oversee the development and details of

choreography

- n. a notation used by choreographers
- n. a show involving artistic dancing

chorus

- v. utter in unison
- n. any utterance produced simultaneously by a group

chromosphere

- n. a gaseous layer of the sun's atmosphere (extending from the photosphere to the corona) that is visible during a total eclipse of the sun

chronic

- a. of long duration
- a. habitual

chronological

- a. relating to or arranged according to temporal order

chronology

- n. an arrangement of events in time
- n. a record of events in the order of their occurrence

chubby

- a. sufficiently fat so as to have a pleasing fullness of figure

chunk

- v. put together indiscriminately
- n. a substantial amount

cider

n. a beverage made from juice pressed from apples

cipher

n. a mathematical element that when added to another number yields the same number

n. a person of no influence

circle

v. travel around something

n. movement once around a course

circuit

n. a journey or route all the way around a particular place or area

n. an established itinerary of venues or events that a particular group of people travel to

circular

a. having a circular shape

n. an advertisement (usually printed on a page or in a leaflet) intended for wide distribution

circulate

v. move in circles

v. become widely known and passed on

circulation

n. the dissemination of copies of periodicals (as newspapers or magazines)

n. number of copies of a newspaper or magazine that are sold

circumference

n. the boundary line encompassing an area or object

n. the length of the closed curve of a circle

circumscribe

v. restrict or confine,

v. to draw a geometric figure around another figure so that the two are in contact but do not intersect

circumstance

n. information that should be kept in mind when making a decision

n. the set of facts or circumstances that surround a situation or event

citadel

n. a stronghold into which people could go for shelter during a battle

cite

n. a short note recognizing a source of information or of a quoted passage

v. commend

citizenship

n. the status of a citizen with rights and duties

n. conduct as a citizen

civil

- a. of or occurring within the state or between or among citizens of the state
- a. (of divisions of time) legally recognized in ordinary affairs of life

civilian

- a. associated with civil life or performed by persons who are not active members of the military
- n. a nonmilitary citizen

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civility

- n. formal or perfunctory politeness
- n. the act of showing regard for others

civilization

- n. the quality of excellence in thought and manners and taste
- n. a particular society at a particular time and place

claim

- n. an assertion that something is true or factual
- n. an informal right to something

clam

- n. a piece of paper money worth one dollar
- v. gather clams, by digging in the sand by the ocean

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clamor

- v. make loud demands
- n. a loud harsh or strident noise

clan

- n. group of people related by blood or marriage

clap

- v. put quickly or forcibly
- v. strike together so as to produce a sharp percussive noise

clarification

- n. the act of removing solid particles from a liquid
- n. an interpretation that removes obstacles to understanding

clarify

- v. make clear by removing impurities or solids, as by heating
- v. make clear and (more) comprehensible

classification

- n. the basic cognitive process of arranging into classes or categories
- n. a group of people or things arranged by class or category

classify

- v. declare unavailable, as for security reasons
- v. arrange or order by classes or categories

clause

- n. (grammar) an expression including a subject and predicate but not constituting a complete sentence
- n. a separate section of a legal document (as a statute or contract or will)

clay

- n. water soaked soil; soft wet earth
- n. a very fine-grained soil that is plastic when moist but hard when fired

clergy

- n. in Christianity, clergymen collectively (as distinguished from the laity)

clergyman

- n. a member of the clergy and a spiritual leader of the Christian Church

climate

- n. the weather in some location averaged over some long period of time
- n. the prevailing psychological state

climatic

- a. of or relating to a climate

cling

- n. fruit (especially peach) whose flesh adheres strongly to the pit
- v. come or be in close contact with; stick or hold together and resist separation

clinic

- n. meeting for diagnosis of problems and instruction or remedial work in a particular activity
- n. a healthcare facility for outpatient care

clinical

- a. relating to a clinic or conducted in or as if in a clinic and depending on direct observation of patients
- a. scientifically detached; unemotional

clip

- v. cultivate, tend, and cut back the growth of
- v. run at a moderately swift pace

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- v. run at a moderately swift pace

clockwise

- ad. in the direction that the hands of a clock move
- a. in the same direction as the rotating hands of a clock

clog

- n. any object that acts as a hindrance or obstruction
- v. impede with a clog or as if with a clog

clumsy

- a. difficult to handle or manage especially because of shape
- a. showing lack of skill or aptitude

cluster

- v. gather or cause to gather into a cluster
- n. a grouping of a number of similar things

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clutch

- v. hold firmly, usually with one's hands
- v. affect

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- v. affect

coach

- v. teach and supervise (someone); act as a trainer or coach (to), as in sports
- n. a person who gives private instruction (as in singing, acting, etc.)

coalesce

- v. fuse or cause to grow together
- v. mix together different elements

coalescence

- n. the union of diverse things into one body or form or group; the growing together of parts

coalition

- n. the state of being combined into one body
- n. an organization of people (or countries) involved in a pact or treaty

coarse

- a. of textures that are rough to the touch or substances consisting of relatively large particles
- a. of low or inferior quality or value

coax

- v. influence or urge by gentle urging, caressing, or flattering
- n. a transmission line for high-frequency signals

codify

- v. organize into a code or system, such as a body of law

coexist

- v. coexist peacefully, as of nations
- v. exist together

coffeepot

- n. tall pot in which coffee is brewed

cognitive

- a. of or being or relating to or involving cognition

coherence

- n. the state of cohering or sticking together
- n. logical and orderly and consistent relation of parts

coherent

- a. (physics) of waves having a constant phase relation
- a. sticking together

cohesion

- n. (botany) the process in some plants of parts growing together that are usually separate (such as petals)
- n. the state of cohering or sticking together

cohesive

- a. causing cohesion
- a. cohering or tending to cohere; well integrated

coil

- n. reactor consisting of a spiral of insulated wire that introduces inductance into a circuit
- v. wind around something in coils or loops

coin

- v. make up
- n. a flat metal piece (usually a disc) used as money

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coinage

- n. a newly invented word or phrase
- n. coins collectively

coincide

- v. happen simultaneously
- v. go with, fall together

coincidence

- n. the quality of occupying the same position or area in space
- n. an event that might have been arranged although it was really accidental

coincident

- a. matching point for point
- a. occurring or operating at the same time

collaborate

- v. work together on a common enterprise or project
- v. cooperate as a traitor

collaboration

- n. act of working jointly
- n. act of cooperating traitorously with an enemy that is occupying your country

collapse

- v. collapse due to fatigue, an illness, or a sudden attack
- v. fall apart

colleague

- n. an associate that one works with
- n. a person who is member of one's class or profession

collective

- a. done by or characteristic of individuals acting together
- a. set up on the principle of collectivism or ownership and production by the workers involved usually under the supervision of a government

collide

- v. cause to collide
- v. be incompatible; be or come into conflict

collision

- n. a conflict of opposed ideas or attitudes or goals
- n. (physics) a brief event in which two or more bodies come together

colloquial

- a. characteristic of informal spoken language or conversation

colloquialism

n. a colloquial expression; characteristic of spoken or written communication that seeks to imitate informal speech

collusion

n. secret agreement

n. agreement on a secret plot

colonel

n. a commissioned military officer in the United States Army or Air Force or Marines who ranks above a lieutenant colonel and below a brigadier general

colonial

n. a resident of a colony

a. of or relating to or characteristic of or inhabiting a colony

colonize

v. settle as colonists or establish a colony (in)

v. settle as a colony; of countries in the developing world

colony

n. a group of organisms of the same type living or growing together

n. a geographical area politically controlled by a distant country

colossal

a. so great in size or force or extent as to elicit awe

combination

n. the act of arranging elements into specified groups without regard to order

n. an alliance of people or corporations or countries for a special purpose (formerly to achieve some antisocial end but now for general political or economic purposes)

combine

v. put or add together

v. have or possess in combination

combustible

n. a substance that can be burned to provide heat or power

a. capable of igniting and burning

combustion

n. the act of burning something

n. a process in which a substance reacts with oxygen to give heat and light

comet

n. (astronomy) a relatively small extraterrestrial body consisting of a frozen mass that travels around the sun in a highly elliptical orbit

cometary

a. of or relating to or resembling a comet

comic

- a. of or relating to or characteristic of comedy
- a. arousing or provoking laughter

comical

- a. arousing or provoking laughter

commander

- n. an officer in command of a military unit
- n. an officer in the airforce

commemorate

- v. be or provide a memorial to a person or an event
- v. call to remembrance; keep alive the memory of someone or something, as in a ceremony

comment

- n. a report (often malicious) about the behavior of other people
- v. provide interlinear explanations for words or phrases

commentary

- n. a written explanation or criticism or illustration that is added to a book or other textual material

commentator

- n. an expert who observes and comments on something
- n. a writer who reports and analyzes events of the day

commerce

- n. the United States federal department that promotes and administers domestic and foreign trade (including management of the ce...

commercial

- a. connected with or engaged in or sponsored by or used in commerce or commercial enterprises
- a. of or relating to commercialism

commercialize

- v. exploit for maximal profit, usually by sacrificing quality
- v. make commercial

commission

- n. the act of granting authority to undertake certain functions
- n. a special group delegated to consider some matter

commissioner

- n. a government administrator
- n. a member of a commission

commit

- v. give entirely to a specific person, activity, or cause
- v. perform an act, usually with a negative connotation

commitment

- n. the act of binding yourself (intellectually or emotionally) to a course of action
- n. a message that makes a pledge

committed

- a. bound or obligated, as under a pledge to a particular cause, action, or attitude
- a. associated in an exclusive sexual relationship

committee

- n. a self-constituted organization to promote something
- n. a special group delegated to consider some matter

commodity

- n. articles of commerce

commonplace

- n. a trite or obvious remark
- a. repeated too often; overfamiliar through overuse

commonsense

- n. sound practical judgment
- a. exhibiting native good judgment

communal

- a. relating to a small administrative district or community
- a. for or by a group rather than individuals

communicate

- v. transfer to another
- v. transmit thoughts or feelings

communication

- n. the activity of communicating; the activity of conveying information
- n. something that is communicated by or to or between people or groups

community

- n. a group of people living in a particular local area
- n. a group of nations having common interests

commute

- v. exchange positions without a change in value
- v. exchange a penalty for a less severe one

commuter

- n. someone who travels regularly from home in a suburb to work in a city
- n. a passenger train that is ridden primarily by passengers who travel regularly from one place to another

compact

v. make more compact by or as if by pressing

n. a signed written agreement between two or more parties (nations) to perform some action

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compaction

n. the act of crushing

n. an increase in the density of something

companion

n. one paid to accompany or assist or live with another

v. be a companion to somebody

comparable

a. able to be compared or worthy of comparison

a. conforming in every respect

comparative

a. estimated by comparison; not absolute or complete

n. the comparative form of an adjective or adverb

comparatively

ad. in a relative manner; by comparison to something else

compatible

a. capable of forming a homogeneous mixture that neither separates nor is altered by chemical interaction

a. capable of being used with or connected to other devices or components without modification

compel

v. force somebody to do something

v. necessitate or exact

compensate

v. make payment to; compensate

v. make up for shortcomings or a feeling of inferiority by exaggerating good qualities

compensation

n. something (such as money) given or received as payment or reparation (as for a service or loss or injury)

n. (psychiatry) a defense mechanism that conceals your undesirable shortcomings by exaggerating desirable behaviors

compete

v. compete for something; engage in a contest; measure oneself against others

competence

n. the quality of being adequately or well qualified physically and intellectually

competent

- a. properly or sufficiently qualified or capable or efficient
- a. adequate for the purpose

competing

v. compete for something; engage in a contest; measure oneself against others

competition

- n. the contestant you hope to defeat
- n. a business relation in which two parties compete to gain customers

competitiveness

n. an aggressive willingness to compete

competitor

n. the contestant you hope to defeat

compile

- v. get or gather together
- v. use a computer program to translate source code written in a particular programming language into computer-readable machine code that can be executed

complacence

n. the feeling you have when you are satisfied with yourself

complain

- v. express complaints, discontent, displeasure, or unhappiness
- v. make a formal accusation; bring a formal charge

complaint

- n. an often persistent bodily disorder or disease; a cause for complaining
- n. (criminal law) a pleading describing some wrong or offense

complement

- n. something added to complete or embellish or make perfect
- n. either of two parts that mutually complete each other

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- n. either of two parts that mutually complete each other

complementary

- a. of words or propositions so related that each is the negation of the other
- a. acting as or providing a complement (something that completes the whole)

complex

- n. a conceptual whole made up of complicated and related parts
- n. a compound described in terms of the central atom to which other atoms are bound or coordinated

complexity

- n. the quality of being intricate and compounded

complicated

- v. make more complicated
- v. make more complex, intricate, or richer

complication

- n. puzzling complexity
- n. a situation or condition that is complex or confused

complicity

- n. guilt as an accomplice in a crime or offense

compliment

- v. say something to someone that expresses praise
- n. a remark (or act) expressing praise and admiration

complimentary

- a. conveying or resembling a compliment
- a. costing nothing

comply

- v. act in accordance with someone's rules, commands, or wishes

component

- n. an artifact that is one of the individual parts of which a composite entity is made up; especially a part that can be separated from or attached to a system
- n. something determined in relation to something that includes it

compose

- v. calm (someone, especially oneself); make quiet
- v. produce a literary work

composition

- n. a mixture of ingredients
- n. the spatial property resulting from the arrangement of parts in relation to each other and to the whole

compound

- a. composed of more than one part
- n. a whole formed by a union of two or more elements or parts

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comprehend

- v. get the meaning of something
- v. to become aware of through the senses

comprehensible

- a. capable of being comprehended or understood

comprehension

- n. the relation of comprising something
- n. an ability to understand the meaning or importance of something (or the knowledge acquired as a result)

comprehensive

- n. an intensive examination testing a student's proficiency in some special field of knowledge
- a. broad in scope

compress

- v. make more compact by or as if by pressing
- v. squeeze or press together

compressed

- a. pressed tightly together
- a. flattened laterally along the whole length (e.g., certain leafstalks or flatfishes)

compression

- n. encoding information while reducing the bandwidth or bits required
- n. the process or result of becoming smaller or pressed together

comprise

- v. be composed of
- v. include or contain; have as a component

compromise

- v. settle by concession
- v. expose or make liable to danger, suspicion, or disrepute

compulsory

- a. required by rule

computation

- n. problem solving that involves numbers or quantities
- n. the procedure of calculating; determining something by mathematical or logical methods

compute

- v. make a mathematical calculation or computation

concave

- a. curving inward

conceal

- v. prevent from being seen or discovered
- v. hold back; keep from being perceived by others

concede

- v. acknowledge defeat
- v. admit (to a wrongdoing)

conceive

- v. become pregnant; undergo conception
- v. have the idea for

concentric

- a. having a common center

concept

- n. an abstract or general idea inferred or derived from specific instances

conception

- n. an abstract or general idea inferred or derived from specific instances
- n. the creation of something in the mind

conceptual

- a. being or characterized by concepts or their formation

concert

- v. contrive (a plan) by mutual agreement
- n. a performance of music by players or singers not involving theatrical staging

concerted

- a. involving the joint activity of two or more

concerto

- n. a composition for orchestra and a soloist

concise

- a. expressing much in few words

conciseness

- n. terseness and economy in writing and speaking achieved by expressing a great deal in just a few words

conclude

- v. reach a conclusion after a discussion or deliberation
- v. come to a close

conclusive

- a. forming an end or termination; especially putting an end to doubt or question

concomitant

- n. an event or situation that happens at the same time as or in connection with another
- a. following or accompanying as a consequence

concrete

- v. cover with cement
- n. a strong hard building material composed of sand and gravel and cement and water

concurrent

- a. occurring or operating at the same time

condemn

- v. declare or judge unfit for use or habitation
- v. appropriate (property) for public use

condemnation

- n. an appeal to some supernatural power to inflict evil on someone or some group
- n. an expression of strong disapproval; pronouncing as wrong or morally culpable

condensation

- n. a shortened version of a written work
- n. (psychoanalysis) an unconscious process whereby two ideas or images combine into a single symbol; especially in dreams

condense

- v. undergo condensation; change from a gaseous to a liquid state and fall in drops
- v. remove water from

condenser

- n. an electrical device characterized by its capacity to store an electric charge
- n. lens used to concentrate light on an object

condiment

- n. a preparation (a sauce or relish or spice) to enhance flavor or enjoyment

condition

- n. (usually plural) a statement of what is required as part of an agreement
- n. an assumption on which rests the validity or effect of something else

conditioning

- n. a learning process in which an organism's behavior becomes dependent on the occurrence of a stimulus in its environment

condor

- n. the largest flying birds in the western hemisphere

conduct

- v. lead, as in the performance of a composition
- v. behave in a certain manner

conductivity

n. the transmission of heat or electricity or sound

conductor

n. a substance that readily conducts e.g. electricity and heat

n. the person who leads a musical group

cone

n. a shape whose base is a circle and whose sides taper up to a point

n. a visual receptor cell in the retina that is sensitive to bright light and to color

confederacy

n. the southern states that seceded from the United States in 1861

n. a secret agreement between two or more people to perform an unlawful act

confederate

n. a supporter of the Confederate States of America

a. of or having to do with the southern Confederacy during the American Civil War

confer

v. present

v. have a conference in order to talk something over

conference

n. a discussion among participants who have an agreed (serious) topic

n. a prearranged meeting for consultation or exchange of information or discussion (especially one with a formal agenda)

confess

v. confess to God in the presence of a priest, as in the Catholic faith

v. confess to a punishable or reprehensible deed, usually under pressure

confession

n. a written document acknowledging an offense and signed by the guilty party

n. an admission of misdeeds or faults

confide

v. confer a trust upon

v. reveal in private; tell confidentially

confidence

n. freedom from doubt; belief in yourself and your abilities

n. a trustful relationship

confident

a. having or marked by confidence or assurance

a. persuaded of; very sure

configuration

- n. any spatial attributes (especially as defined by outline)
- n. an arrangement of parts or elements

confine

- v. close in
- v. deprive of freedom; take into confinement

confinement

- n. the act of keeping something within specified bounds (by force if necessary)
- n. concluding state of pregnancy; from the onset of contractions to the birth of a child

confining

- v. close in
- v. deprive of freedom; take into confinement

confirm

- v. support a person for a position
- v. administer the rite of confirmation to

confirmation

- n. making something valid by formally ratifying or confirming it
- n. additional proof that something that was believed (some fact or hypothesis or theory) is correct

conflict

- n. a hostile meeting of opposing military forces in the course of a war
- v. be in conflict

conflicting

- a. on bad terms
- a. in disagreement

confluence

- n. a place where things merge or flow together (especially rivers)
- n. a coming together of people

conform

- v. be similar, be in line with
- v. adapt or conform oneself to new or different conditions

conformity

- n. correspondence in form or appearance
- n. orthodoxy in thoughts and belief

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- n. orthodoxy in thoughts and belief

confront

- v. oppose, as in hostility or a competition
- v. present somebody with something, usually to accuse or criticize

confuse

- v. assemble without order or sense
- v. make unclear, indistinct, or blurred

confusion

- n. an act causing a disorderly combination of elements with identities lost and distinctions blended
- n. a mistake that results from taking one thing to be another

congenial

- a. (used of plants) capable of cross-fertilization or of being grafted
- a. suitable to your needs

congenital

- a. present at birth but not necessarily hereditary; acquired during fetal development

congestion

- n. excessive crowding
- n. excessive accumulation of blood or other fluid in a body part

conglomerate

- v. collect or gather
- a. composed of heterogeneous elements gathered into a mass

congratulation

- n. the act of acknowledging that someone has an occasion for celebration
- n. (usually plural) an expression of pleasure at the success or good fortune of another

congregate

- v. come together, usually for a purpose

congress

- n. a national legislative assembly
- n. the act of sexual procreation between a man and a woman; the man's penis is inserted into the woman's vagina and excited until orgasm and ejaculation occur

congressional

- a. of or relating to congress

congressman

- n. a member of the United States House of Representatives

congruity

- n. the quality of agreeing; being suitable and appropriate

conifer

- n. any gymnospermous tree or shrub bearing cones

conjecture

v. to believe especially on uncertain or tentative grounds

n. reasoning that involves the formation of conclusions from incomplete evidence

connect

v. land on or hit solidly

v. be or become joined or united or linked

connection

n. an instrumentality that connects

n. a supplier (especially of narcotics)

connoisseur

n. an expert able to appreciate a field; especially in the fine arts

conquer

v. overcome by conquest

v. to put down by force or authority

conscience

n. conformity to one's own sense of right conduct

n. motivation deriving logically from ethical or moral principles that govern a person's thoughts and actions

conscientious

a. guided by or in accordance with conscience or sense of right and wrong

a. characterized by extreme care and great effort

conscious

a. knowing and perceiving; having awareness of surroundings and sensations and thoughts

a. intentionally conceived

consciously

ad. with awareness

consciousness

n. having knowledge of

n. an alert cognitive state in which you are aware of yourself and your situation

consecutive

a. successive (without a break)

a. in regular succession without gaps

consequence

n. a phenomenon that follows and is caused by some previous phenomenon

n. the outcome of an event especially as relative to an individual

consequent

a. following or accompanying as a consequence

consequently

ad. (sentence connectors) because of the reason given

ad. as a consequence

conservation

n. (physics) the maintenance of a certain quantities unchanged during chemical reactions or physical transformations

n. an occurrence of improvement by virtue of preventing loss or injury or other change

conservationist

n. someone who works to protect the environment from destruction or pollution

conservatism

n. a political or theological orientation advocating the preservation of the best in society and opposing radical changes

conservative

a. conforming to the standards and conventions of the middle class

a. avoiding excess

conserve

n. fruit preserved by cooking with sugar

v. preserve with sugar

considerable

a. large or relatively large in number or amount or extent or degree

considerably

ad. to a great extent or degree

considerate

a. showing concern for the rights and feelings of others

consideration

n. a considerate and thoughtful act

n. information that should be kept in mind when making a decision

consistency

n. the property of holding together and retaining its shape

n. logical coherence and accordance with the facts

consistent

a. (sometimes followed by 'with') in agreement or consistent or reliable

a. capable of being reproduced

consistently

ad. in a systematic or consistent manner

consonant

- n. a speech sound that is not a vowel
- a. involving or characterized by harmony

consort

- v. keep company
- v. go together

consortium

- n. an association of companies for some definite purpose

conspicuous

- a. without any attempt at concealment; completely obvious
- a. obvious to the eye or mind

conspiracy

- n. a group of conspirators banded together to achieve some harmful or illegal purpose
- n. a plot to carry out some harmful or illegal act (especially a political plot)

constant

- a. uninterrupted in time and indefinitely long continuing
- n. a number representing a quantity assumed to have a fixed value in a specified mathematical context

constantly

- ad. without variation or change, in every case
- ad. without interruption

constellation

- n. a configuration of stars as seen from the earth
- n. an arrangement of parts or elements

consternation

- n. fear resulting from the awareness of danger

constituent

- n. (grammar) a word or phrase or clause forming part of a larger grammatical construction
- n. an artifact that is one of the individual parts of which a composite entity is made up; especially a part that can be separated from or attached to a system

constitute

- v. set up or lay the groundwork for
- v. to compose or represent:

constitution

- n. a United States 44-gun frigate that was one of the first three naval ships built by the United States; it won brilliant victo...

constitutional

- a. existing as an essential constituent or characteristic
- a. of benefit to or intended to benefit your physical makeup

constrain

- v. hold back
- v. restrict

constraint

- n. the state of being physically constrained
- n. a device that retards something's motion

constrict

- v. squeeze or press together
- v. become tight or as if tight

constricted

- a. drawn together or squeezed physically or by extension psychologically
- a. especially tense; especially in some dialects

construct

- n. an abstract or general idea inferred or derived from specific instances
- v. reassemble mentally

construction

- n. a thing constructed; a complex entity constructed of many parts
- n. the commercial activity involved in repairing old structures or constructing new ones

consult

- v. have a conference in order to talk something over
- v. seek information from

consultant

- n. an expert who gives advice

consume

- v. use up (resources or materials)
- v. serve oneself to, or consume regularly

consumer

- n. a person who uses goods or services

consumption

- n. (economics) the utilization of economic goods to satisfy needs or in manufacturing
- n. the act of consuming something

contact

- n. the state or condition of touching or of being in immediate proximity
- n. (electronics) a junction where things (as two electrical conductors) touch or are in physical contact

contagious

- a. (of disease) capable of being transmitted by infection
- a. easily diffused or spread as from one person to another

contain

- v. contain or hold; have within
- v. include or contain; have as a component

container

- n. any object that can be used to hold things (especially a large metal boxlike object of standardized dimensions that can be loaded from one form of transport to another)

contaminate

- v. make impure
- v. make radioactive by adding radioactive material

contamination

- n. the act of contaminating or polluting; including (either intentionally or accidentally) unwanted substances or factors
- n. the state of being contaminated

contemplate

- v. consider as a possibility
- v. look at thoughtfully; observe deep in thought

contemporary

- a. characteristic of the present
- n. a person of nearly the same age as another

contender

- n. the contestant you hope to defeat

content

- n. the proportion of a substance that is contained in a mixture or alloy etc.
- a. satisfied or showing satisfaction with things as they are

contented

- a. satisfied or showing satisfaction with things as they are

contention

- n. a point asserted as part of an argument
- n. a contentious speech act; a dispute where there is strong disagreement

context

- n. discourse that surrounds a language unit and helps to determine its interpretation
- n. the set of facts or circumstances that surround a situation or event

contiguous

- a. very close or connected in space or time
- a. connecting without a break; within a common boundary

continent

- a. having control over urination and defecation
- n. the European mainland

continental

- a. of or relating to or concerning the American colonies during and immediately after the American Revolutionary War
- a. of or relating to or characteristic of a continent

continuation

- n. a part added to a book or play that continues and extends it
- n. the act of continuing an activity without interruption

continuity

- n. a detailed script used in making a film in order to avoid discontinuities from shot to shot
- n. uninterrupted connection or union

continuum

- n. a continuous nonspatial whole or extent or succession in which no part or portion is distinct or distinguishable from adjacent parts

contour

- n. a feature (or the order or arrangement of features) of anything having a complex structure
- v. form the contours of

contract

- v. compress or concentrate
- n. (contract bridge) the highest bid becomes the contract setting the number of tricks that the bidder must make

contraction

- n. the process or result of becoming smaller or pressed together
- n. (physiology) a shortening or tensing of a part or organ (especially of a muscle or muscle fiber)

contractor

- n. someone (a person or firm) who contracts to build things
- n. a bodily organ that contracts

contradict

- v. be in contradiction with
- v. prove negative; show to be false

contradictory

- a. in disagreement
- a. that confounds or contradicts or confuses

contrary

- a. very opposed in nature or character or purpose
- a. resistant to guidance or discipline

contrast

- n. the range of optical density and tone on a photographic negative or print (or the extent to which adjacent areas on a television screen differ in brightness)
- v. put in opposition to show or emphasize differences

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- v. put in opposition to show or emphasize differences

controversial

- a. marked by or capable of arousing controversy

controversy

- n. a contentious speech act; a dispute where there is strong disagreement

convenience

- n. a device or control that is very useful for a particular job
- n. the state of being suitable or opportune

convenient

- a. large and roomy ('convenient' is archaic in this sense)
- a. suited to your comfort or purpose or needs

convention

- n. (diplomacy) an international agreement
- n. something regarded as a normative example

conventional

- a. in accord with or being a tradition or practice accepted from the past
- a. (weapons) using energy for propulsion or destruction that is not nuclear energy

conventionally

- ad. in a conventional manner

converge

- v. come together so as to form a single product
- v. approach a limit as the number of terms increases without limit

conversant

- a. (usually followed by 'with') well informed about or knowing thoroughly

conversation

- n. the use of speech for informal exchange of views or ideas or information etc.

conversational

a. characteristic of informal spoken language or conversation

converse

a. turned about in order or relation

n. a proposition obtained by conversion

conversion

n. interchange of subject and predicate of a proposition

n. an event that results in a transformation

convert

v. complete successfully

v. change from one system to another or to a new plan or policy

converter

n. a device for changing one substance or form or state into another

convex

a. curving or bulging outward

convict

n. a person who has been convicted of a criminal offense

n. a person serving a sentence in a jail or prison

conviction

n. an unshakable belief in something without need for proof or evidence

n. (criminal law) a final judgment of guilty in a criminal case and the punishment that is imposed

convinced

v. make (someone) agree, understand, or realize the truth or validity of something

convincing

a. causing one to believe the truth of something

convivial

a. occupied with or fond of the pleasures of good company

coop

n. an enclosure made of wire or metal bars in which birds or animals can be kept

n. a farm building for housing poultry

cooperate

v. work together on a common enterprise or project

cooperation

n. joint operation or action

n. the practice of cooperating

cooperative

- a. done with or working with others for a common purpose or benefit
- a. willing to adjust to differences in order to obtain agreement

coordinate

- n. a number that identifies a position relative to an axis
- v. be co-ordinated

coordinated

- a. intentionally matched
- a. operating as a unit

coordination

- n. the grammatical relation of two constituents having the same grammatical form
- n. the regulation of diverse elements into an integrated and harmonious operation

core

- n. the central meaning or theme of a speech or literary work
- n. the choicest or most essential or most vital part of some idea or experience

corn

- v. feed (cattle) with corn
- n. the dried grains or kernels or corn used as animal feed or ground for meal

cornet

- n. a brass musical instrument with a brilliant tone; has a narrow tube and a flared bell and is played by means of valves

corps

- n. a body of people associated together
- n. an army unit usually consisting of two or more divisions and their support

correlate

- v. to bear a reciprocal or mutual relation
- n. either of two or more related or complementary variables

correlated

- a. mutually related

correspond

- v. take the place of or be parallel or equivalent to
- v. be compatible, similar or consistent; coincide in their characteristics

correspondence

- n. the relation of corresponding in degree or size or amount
- n. (mathematics) an attribute of a shape or relation; exact reflection of form on opposite sides of a dividing line or plane

corresponding

- a. similar especially in position or purpose
- a. accompanying

corrode

- v. become destroyed by water, air, or a corrosive such as an acid
- v. cause to deteriorate due to the action of water, air, or an acid

corrosion

- n. a state of deterioration in metals caused by oxidation or chemical action
- n. erosion by chemical action

corrosive

- a. spitefully sarcastic
- n. a substance having the tendency to cause corrosion (such a strong acids or alkali)

corruption

- n. decay of matter (as by rot or oxidation)
- n. lack of integrity or honesty (especially susceptibility to bribery); use of a position of trust for dishonest gain

cosmic

- a. inconceivably extended in space or time
- a. of or from or pertaining to or characteristic of the cosmos or universe

cosmopolitan

- a. of worldwide scope or applicability
- a. growing or occurring in many parts of the world

costume

- n. the attire worn in a play or at a fancy dress ball
- v. furnish with costumes; as for a film or play

counsel

- v. give advice to
- n. a lawyer who pleads cases in court

counseling

- n. something that provides direction or advice as to a decision or course of action

counselor

- n. a lawyer who pleads cases in court
- n. someone who gives advice about problems

counteract

- v. act in opposition to
- v. oppose and mitigate the effects of by contrary actions

counterbalance

- n. equality of distribution
- n. a compensating equivalent

counterclockwise

- ad. in a direction opposite to the direction in which the hands of a clock move
- a. in the direction opposite to the rotation of the hands of a clock

counterfeit

- a. not genuine; imitating something superior
- v. make a copy of with the intent to deceive

counterfeit

- a. not genuine; imitating something superior
- v. make a copy of with the intent to deceive

counterpart

- n. a duplicate copy
- n. a person or thing having the same function or characteristics as another

countless

- a. too numerous to be counted

couple

- v. link together
- v. bring two objects, ideas, or people together

courier

- n. a person who carries a message

court

- n. a specially marked horizontal area within which a game is played
- v. seek someone's favor

courteous

- a. exhibiting courtesy and politeness
- a. characterized by courtesy and gracious good manners

courthouse

- n. a government building that houses the offices of a county government
- n. a building that houses judicial courts

courtly

- a. refined or imposing in manner or appearance; befitting a royal court

courtship

- n. a man's courting of a woman; seeking the affections of a woman (usually with the hope of marriage)

cover

- v. to take an action to protect against future problems
- v. spread over a surface to conceal or protect

coverage

- n. the extent to which something is covered
- n. the total amount and type of insurance carried

cowboy

- n. someone who is reckless or irresponsible (especially in driving vehicles)
- n. a hired hand who tends cattle and performs other duties on horseback

cowhand

- n. a hired hand who tends cattle and performs other duties on horseback

cozy

- a. suggesting connivance
- n. a padded cloth covering to keep a teapot warm

crab

- v. scurry sideways like a crab
- n. the fourth sign of the zodiac; the sun is in this sign from about June 21 to July 22

crack

- v. break partially but keep its integrity
- n. the act of cracking something

craft

- v. make by hand and with much skill
- n. the skilled practice of a practical occupation

craft

- v. make by hand and with much skill
- n. the skilled practice of a practical occupation

cram

- v. prepare (students) hastily for an impending exam
- v. put something somewhere so that the space is completely filled

cramped

- a. constricted in size

crash

- v. break violently or noisily; smash
- v. occupy, usually uninvited

crater

- n. a faint constellation in the southern hemisphere near Hydra and Corvus
- n. a bowl-shaped geological formation at the top of a volcano

crawl

- v. swim by doing the crawl
- n. a very slow movement

crayon

- n. writing implement consisting of a colored stick of composition wax used for writing and drawing
- v. write, draw, or trace with a crayon

craze

- v. cause to go crazy; cause to lose one's mind
- v. develop a fine network of cracks

crazy

- a. foolish; totally unsound
- n. someone deranged and possibly dangerous

credence

- n. a kind of sideboard or buffet
- n. the mental attitude that something is believable and should be accepted as true

credential

- n. a document attesting to the truth of certain stated facts

credit

- n. arrangement for deferred payment for goods and services
- n. money available for a client to borrow

creditor

- n. a person to whom money is owed by a debtor; someone to whom an obligation exists

creek

- n. any member of the Creek Confederacy (especially the Muskogee) formerly living in Georgia and Alabama but now chiefly in Oklahoma
- n. a natural stream of water smaller than a river (and often a tributary of a river)

creep

- v. grow or spread, often in such a way as to cover (a surface)
- n. a pen that is fenced so that young animals can enter but adults cannot

crevice

- n. a long narrow depression in a surface
- n. a long narrow opening

crew

- n. an informal body of friends
- n. the men and women who man a vehicle (ship, aircraft, etc.)

crimson

- a. of a color at the end of the color spectrum (next to orange); resembling the color of blood or cherries or tomatoes or rubies
- a. (especially of the face) reddened or suffused with or as if with blood from emotion or exertion

cripple

- v. deprive of strength or efficiency; make useless or worthless
- n. someone who is unable to walk normally because of an injury or disability to the legs or back

crippling

- a. that cripples or disables or incapacitates

crisscross

- v. cross in a pattern, often random
- n. a marking that consists of lines that cross each other

critical

- a. forming or having the nature of a turning point or crisis
- a. of or involving or characteristic of critics or criticism

critique

- v. appraise critically
- n. an essay or article that gives a critical evaluation (as of a book or play)

crooked

- a. irregular in shape or outline
- a. not straight; dishonest or immoral or evasive

crossbones

- n. two crossed bones (or a representation of two crossed bones) used as a symbol danger or death

crossbreeding

- v. breed animals or plants using parents of different races and varieties
- n. (genetics) an organism that is the offspring o...

crosscut

- n. a route shorter than the usual one
- v. cut using a diagonal line

crossing

- n. traveling across
- n. a path (often marked) where something (as a street or railroad) can be crossed to get from one side to the other

crude

- a. not carefully or expertly made
- a. belonging to an early stage of technical development; characterized by simplicity and (often) crudeness

crumble

- v. fall apart
- v. fall into decay or ruin

crumple

- v. become wrinkled or crumpled or creased
- v. fall apart

crush

- v. become injured, broken, or distorted by pressure
- n. leather that has had its grain pattern accentuated

crust

- n. the trait of being rude and impertinent; inclined to take liberties
- v. form a crust or form into a crust

crustacean

- n. any mainly aquatic arthropod usually having a segmented body and chitinous exoskeleton
- a. of or belonging to the class Crustacea

crystal

- n. a protective cover that protects the face of a watch
- n. glassware made of quartz

crystalline

- a. consisting of or containing or of the nature of crystals
- a. transmitting light; able to be seen through with clarity

crystallization

- n. a rock formed by the solidification of a substance; has regularly repeating internal structure; external plane faces
- n. a mental synthesis that becomes fixed or concrete by a process resembling crystal formation

crystallize

- v. cause to form crystals or assume crystalline form
- v. assume crystalline form; become crystallized

crystallized

- a. having both internal structure and external form of a crystal
- a. having become fixed and definite in form

cube

- n. a three-dimensional shape with six square or rectangular sides
- n. a hexahedron with six equal squares as faces

cubic

- a. having three dimensions

cubism

- n. an artistic movement in France beginning in 1907 that featured surfaces of geometrical planes

cucumber

- n. cylindrical green fruit with thin green rind and white flesh eaten as a vegetable; related to melons
- n. a melon vine of the genus Cucumis; cultivated from earliest times for its cylindrical green fruit

cue

- v. assist (somebody acting or reciting) by suggesting the next words of something forgotten or imperfectly learned
- n. sports implement consisting of a tapering rod used to strike a cue ball in pool or billiards

culinary

- a. of or relating to or used in cooking

culminate

- v. bring to a head or to the highest point
- v. rise to, or form, a summit

cultivate

- v. prepare for crops
- v. teach or refine to be discriminative in taste or judgment

cultivation

- n. (agriculture) production of food by preparing the land to grow crops (especially on a large scale)
- n. the act of raising or growing plants (especially on a large scale)

culture

- n. a particular society at a particular time and place
- n. all the knowledge and values shared by a society

cumbersome

- a. difficult to handle or use especially because of size or weight
- a. not elegant or graceful in expression

cupboard

- n. a small room (or recess) or cabinet used for storage space

curator

- n. the custodian of a collection (as a museum or library)

curiosity

- n. something unusual -- perhaps worthy of collecting
- n. a state in which you want to learn more about something

curious

- a. beyond or deviating from the usual or expected
- a. having curiosity aroused; eagerly interested in learning more

currency

- n. the metal or paper medium of exchange that is presently used
- n. the property of belonging to the present time

current

- n. a flow of electricity through a conductor
- n. a steady flow of a fluid (usually from natural causes)

currently

- ad. at this time or period; now

curriculum

- n. an integrated course of academic studies

cushion

- n. the layer of air that supports a hovercraft or similar vehicle
- n. a soft bag filled with air or a mass of padding such as feathers or foam rubber etc.

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custodian

- n. one having charge of buildings or grounds or animals

custom

- n. a specific practice of long standing
- n. accepted or habitual practice

customarily

- ad. by custom; according to common practice

customer

- n. someone who pays for goods or services

customs

- n. money collected under a tariff

cuticle

- n. hard outer covering or case of certain organisms such as arthropods and turtles
- n. the dead skin at the base of a fingernail or toenail

cyclone

- n. (meteorology) rapid inward circulation of air masses about a low pressure center; circling counterclockwise in the northern hemisphere and clockwise in the southern
- n. a violent rotating windstorm

cylinder

- n. a chamber within which piston moves
- n. a surface generated by rotating a parallel line around a fixed line

dagger

- n. a character used in printing to indicate a cross reference or footnote
- n. a short knife with a pointed blade used for piercing or stabbing

daisy

- n. any of numerous composite plants having flower heads with well-developed ray flowers usually arranged in a single whorl

damp

- v. deaden (a sound or noise), especially by wrapping
- v. make vague or obscure or make (an image) less visible

dampen

- v. lessen in force or effect
- v. deaden (a sound or noise), especially by wrapping

dangerous

- a. causing fear or anxiety by threatening great harm
- a. involving or causing danger or risk; liable to hurt or harm

daring

- a. disposed to venture or take risks
- n. the trait of being willing to undertake things that involve risk or danger

dart

- v. run or move very quickly or hastily
- n. a tapered tuck made in dressmaking

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date

- n. a meeting arranged in advance
- n. a particular but unspecified point in time

dated

- a. marked by features of the immediate and usually discounted past

daunt

- v. cause to lose courage

dawn

- n. the first light of day
- v. appear or develop

dawning

- n. the first light of day

dazzling

v. to cause someone to lose clear vision, especially from intense light
v. amaze or bewilder, as with brilliant wit or intellect or skill

deadly

a. of an instrument of certain death
ad. (used as intensives) extremely

deal

v. take into consideration for exemplifying purposes
n. wood that is easy to saw (from conifers such as pine or fir)

dearth

n. an acute insufficiency
n. an insufficient quantity or number

debatable

a. open to argument or debate
a. capable of being disproved

debate

n. the formal presentation of a stated proposition and the opposition to it (usually followed by a vote)
v. have an argument about something

debris

n. the remains of something that has been destroyed or broken up

debt

n. the state of owing something (especially money)
n. an obligation to pay or do something

debtor

n. a person who owes a creditor; someone who has the obligation of paying a debt

decadent

a. marked by excessive self-indulgence and moral decay
n. a person who has fallen into a decadent state (morally or artistically)

decay

n. the process of gradually becoming inferior
n. a gradual decrease; as of stored charge or current

deceive

v. cause someone to believe an untruth
v. be false to; be dishonest with

decent

a. decently clothed
a. sufficient for the purpose

deception

- n. the act of deceiving
- n. an illusory feat; considered magical by naive observers

deceptive

- a. designed to deceive or mislead either deliberately or inadvertently
- a. causing one to believe what is not true or fail to believe what is true

deciduous

- a. (of plants and shrubs) shedding foliage at the end of the growing season
- a. (of teeth, antlers, etc.) being shed at the end of a period of growth

decimal

- a. numbered or proceeding by tens; based on ten
- n. a number in the decimal system

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deck

- n. a pack of 52 playing cards
- n. a porch that resembles the deck on a ship

declaration

- n. a formal public statement
- n. a statement that is emphatic and explicit (spoken or written)

declare

- v. state emphatically and authoritatively
- v. designate (a trump suit or no-trump) with the final bid of a hand

decline

- v. go down
- n. change toward something smaller or lower

decompose

- v. lose a stored charge, magnetic flux, or current
- v. break down

decomposition

- n. (biology) the process of decay caused by bacterial or fungal action
- n. in a decomposed state

decorate

- v. award a mark of honor, such as a medal, to
- v. make more attractive by adding ornament, colour, etc.

decoration

- n. the act of decorating something (in the hope of making it more attractive)
- n. an award for winning a championship or commemorating some other event

decorative

- a. serving an esthetic rather than a useful purpose

decrease

- n. the act of decreasing or reducing something
- v. decrease in size, extent, or range

defame

- v. charge falsely or with malicious intent; attack the good name and reputation of someone

defeat

- v. thwart the passage of
- v. win a victory over

defect

- v. desert (a cause, a country or an army), often in order to join the opposing cause, country, or army
- n. an imperfection in a bodily system

defective

- a. markedly subnormal in structure or function or intelligence or behavior
- a. having a defect

defend

- v. protect or fight for as a champion
- v. be the defense counsel for someone in a trial

defense

- n. an organization of defenders that provides resistance against attack
- n. (sports) the team that is trying to prevent the other team from scoring

defensive

- a. intended or appropriate for defending against or deterring aggression or attack
- a. attempting to justify or defend in speech or writing

defer

- v. yield to another's wish or opinion
- v. hold back to a later time

deference

- n. a courteous expression (by word or deed) of esteem or regard
- n. courteous regard for people's feelings

deferential

- a. showing deference

deficiency

- n. lack of an adequate quantity or number
- n. the state of needing something that is absent or unavailable

deficient

- a. of a quantity not able to fulfill a need or requirement
- a. falling short of some prescribed norm

deficit

- n. an excess of liabilities over assets (usually over a certain period)
- n. (sports) the score by which a team or individual is losing

definite

- a. precise; explicit and clearly defined
- a. known for certain

definitely

- ad. without question and beyond doubt

definition

- n. a concise explanation of the meaning of a word or phrase or symbol
- n. clarity of outline

definitive

- a. clearly defined or formulated
- a. of recognized authority or excellence

deform

- v. assume a different shape or form
- v. alter the shape of (something) by stress

deformation

- n. a change for the worse
- n. alteration in the shape or dimensions of an object as a result of the application of stress to it

defrost

- v. make or become free of frost or ice

deft

- a. skillful in physical movements; especially of the hands

degradation

- n. a low or downcast state
- n. changing to a lower state (a less respected state)

degrade

- v. lower the grade of something; reduce its worth
- v. reduce the level of land, as by erosion

dehydrate

v. lose water or moisture

v. remove water from

dehydrated

a. suffering from excessive loss of water from the body

a. preserved by removing natural moisture

dehydration

n. depletion of bodily fluids

n. dryness resulting from the removal of water

deign

v. do something that one considers to be below one's dignity

deity

n. any supernatural being worshipped as controlling some part of the world or some aspect of life or who is the personification of a force

delay

v. cause to be slowed down or delayed

n. the act of delaying; inactivity resulting in something being put off until a later time

delectable

a. extremely pleasing to the sense of taste

a. capable of arousing desire

delegate

v. give an assignment to (a person) to a post, or assign a task to (a person)

v. transfer power to someone

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deliberate

v. think about carefully; weigh

v. discuss the pros and cons of an issue

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deliberately

ad. in a deliberate unhurried manner

ad. with intention; in an intentional manner

delicate

a. difficult to handle; requiring great tact

a. exquisitely fine and subtle and pleasing; susceptible to injury

delicious

- a. extremely pleasing to the sense of taste
- n. variety of sweet eating apples

delirium

- n. a usually brief state of excitement and mental confusion often accompanied by hallucinations
- n. state of violent mental agitation

delta

- n. an object shaped like an equilateral triangle
- n. a low triangular area of alluvial deposits where a river divides before entering a larger body of water

demagnetize

- v. erase (a magnetic storage device)
- v. make nonmagnetic; take away the magnetic properties (of)

demobilize

- v. release from military service or remove from the active list of military service
- v. retire from military service

democracy

- n. the doctrine that the numerical majority of an organized group can make decisions binding on the whole group
- n. the political orientation of those who favor government by the people or by their elected representatives

demolish

- v. destroy completely
- v. defeat soundly

demolition

- n. the act of demolishing
- n. an event (or the result of an event) that completely destroys something

demonstrate

- v. establish the validity of something, as by an example, explanation or experiment
- v. march in protest; take part in a demonstration

demonstration

- n. proof by a process of argument or a series of proposition proving an asserted conclusion
- n. a public display of group feelings (usually of a political nature)

denomination

- n. a class of one kind of unit in a system of numbers or measures or weights or money
- n. identifying word or words by which someone or something is called and classified or distinguished from others

denote

- v. be a sign or indication of
- v. have as a meaning

denounce

- v. announce the termination of, as of treaties
- v. speak out against

dense

- a. having high relative density or specific gravity
- a. permitting little if any light to pass through because of denseness of matter

density

- n. the amount per unit size
- n. the spatial property of being crowded together

dent

- n. an impression in a surface (as made by a blow)
- n. an appreciable consequence (especially a lessening)

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- n. an appreciable consequence (especially a lessening)

dental

- n. a consonant articulated with the tip of the tongue near the gum ridge
- a. of or relating to the teeth

dentist

- n. a person qualified to practice dentistry

dentistry

- n. the branch of medicine dealing with the anatomy and development and diseases of the teeth

deny

- v. refuse to let have
- v. deny oneself (something); restrain, especially from indulging in some pleasure

depart

- v. remove oneself from an association with or participation in
- v. leave

departure

- n. a variation that deviates from the standard or norm
- n. the act of departing

dependable

- a. financially sound
- a. worthy of reliance or trust

dependence

- n. being abnormally tolerant to and dependent on something that is psychologically or physically habit-forming (especially alcohol or narcotic drugs)
- n. the state of relying on or being controlled by someone or something else

dependent

- a. being under the power or sovereignty of another or others
- a. held from above

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- a. held from above

depict

- v. give a description of
- v. make a portrait of

deplete

- v. use up (resources or materials)

deposit

- n. matter that has been deposited by some natural process
- n. the natural process of laying down a deposit of something

depositor

- n. a person who has deposited money in a bank or similar institution

depot

- n. a depository for goods
- n. station where transport vehicles load or unload passengers or goods

depreciation

- n. decrease in value of an asset due to obsolescence or use
- n. a decrease in price or value

depredation

- n. (usually plural) a destructive action
- n. an act of plundering and pillaging and marauding

depress

- v. lessen the activity or force of
- v. lower someone's spirits; make downhearted

depressed

- a. lower than previously
- a. filled with melancholy and despondency

depression

n. a period during the 1930s when there was a worldwide economic depression and mass unemployment

n. an air mass of lower pressure; often brings precipitation

deprivation

n. act of depriving someone of food or money or rights

n. a state of extreme poverty

deprive

v. take away possessions from someone

v. keep from having, keeping, or obtaining

derivative

a. resulting from or employing derivation

n. a compound obtained from, or regarded as derived from, another compound

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n. a compound obtained from, or regarded as derived from, another compound

derive

v. come from; be connected by a relationship of blood, for example

v. develop or evolve from a latent or potential state

desalination

n. the removal of salt (especially from sea water)

descend

v. come from; be connected by a relationship of blood, for example

v. come as if by falling

descendant

n. a person considered as descended from some ancestor or race

a. going or coming down

descent

n. a downward slope or bend

n. the act of changing your location in a downward direction

desert

v. desert (a cause, a country or an army), often in order to join the opposing cause, country, or army

n. arid land with little or no vegetation

deserted

a. forsaken by owner or inhabitants

deserve

v. be worthy or deserving

designate

v. design or destine

v. give an assignment to (a person) to a post, or assign a task to (a person)

desirable

a. worthy of being chosen especially as a spouse

a. worth having or seeking or achieving

desire

n. something that is desired

n. an inclination to want things

desolate

v. leave someone who needs or counts on you; leave in the lurch

v. reduce in population

desperate

a. desperately determined

n. a person who is frightened and in need of help

desperately

ad. in intense despair

ad. with great urgency

despoil

v. steal goods; take as spoils

v. destroy and strip of its possession

despoiler

n. someone who takes spoils or plunder (as in war)

dessert

n. a dish served as the last course of a meal

destination

n. the place designated as the end (as of a race or journey)

n. written directions for finding some location; written on letters or packages that are to be delivered to that location

destine

v. decree or designate beforehand

v. design or destine

destiny

n. an event (or a course of events) that will inevitably happen in the future

n. the ultimate agency regarded as predetermining the course of events (often personified as a woman)

destruction

- n. an event (or the result of an event) that completely destroys something
- n. the termination of something by causing so much damage to it that it cannot be repaired or no longer exists

destructive

- a. causing destruction or much damage

detect

- v. discover or determine the existence, presence, or fact of

detectable

- a. easily seen or detected
- a. capable of being detected

detective

- n. an investigator engaged or employed in obtaining information not easily available to the public
- n. a police officer who investigates crimes

deter

- v. turn away from by persuasion
- v. try to prevent; show opposition to

detergent

- n. a cleansing agent that differs from soap but can also emulsify oils and hold dirt in suspension
- n. a surface-active chemical widely used in industry and laundering

deteriorate

- v. grow worse
- v. become worse or disintegrate

determine

- v. fix conclusively or authoritatively
- v. find out, learn, or determine with certainty, usually by making an inquiry or other effort

deterrent

- n. something immaterial that interferes with or delays action or progress
- a. tending to deter

detest

- v. dislike intensely; feel antipathy or aversion towards

detriment

- n. a damage or loss

detrimental

- a. (sometimes followed by `to') causing harm or injury

devastate

- v. overwhelm or overpower
- v. cause extensive destruction or ruin utterly

devastating

- a. wreaking or capable of wreaking complete destruction
- a. physically or spiritually devastating; often used in combination

devastation

- n. an event that results in total destruction
- n. plundering with excessive damage and destruction

device

- n. an instrumentality invented for a particular purpose
- n. any clever maneuver

devious

- a. indirect in departing from the accepted or proper way; misleading
- a. deviating from a straight course

devise

- n. (law) a gift of real property by will
- v. arrange by systematic planning and united effort

devoid

- a. completely wanting or lacking

devote

- v. set aside or apart for a specific purpose or use
- v. give entirely to a specific person, activity, or cause

devotion

- n. religious zeal; the willingness to serve God
- n. (usually plural) religious observance or prayers (usually spoken silently)

devour

- v. eat greedily
- v. destroy completely

diagnose

- v. determine or distinguish the nature of a problem or an illness through a diagnostic analysis
- v. subject to a medical analysis

diagonal

- n. (mathematics) a set of entries in a square matrix running diagonally either from the upper left to lower right entry or running from the upper right to lower left entry
- n. an oblique line of squares of the same color on a checkerboard

diagonally

- ad. in a diagonal manner

diagram

- n. a drawing intended to explain how something works; a drawing showing the relation between the parts
- v. make a schematic or technical drawing of that shows interactions among variables or how something is constructed

dialect

- n. the usage or vocabulary that is characteristic of a specific group of people

dialogue

- n. a conversation between two persons
- n. a discussion intended to produce an agreement

diameter

- n. the length of a straight line passing through the center of a circle and connecting two points on the circumference
- n. a...

dictate

- n. an authoritative rule
- n. a guiding principle

diction

- n. the articulation of speech regarded from the point of view of its intelligibility to the audience
- n. the manner in which something is expressed in words

diet

- v. follow a regimen or a diet, as for health reasons
- n. a prescribed selection of foods

dietary

- a. of or relating to the diet
- n. a regulated daily food allowance

dieter

- n. a person who diets

dietetics

- n. the scientific study of food preparation and intake

dietitian

- n. a specialist in the study of nutrition

differentiate

- v. be a distinctive feature, attribute, or trait; sometimes in a very positive sense
- v. evolve so as to lead to a new species or develop in a way most suited to the environment

diffuse

- v. move outward
- a. lacking conciseness

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- a. lacking conciseness

diffusion

- n. the spread of social institutions (and myths and skills) from one society to another
- n. (physics) the process in which there is movement of a substance from an area of high concentration of that substance to an area of lower concentration

digest

- v. systematize, as by classifying and summarizing
- n. something that is compiled (as into a single book or file)

digestion

- n. learning and coming to understand ideas and information
- n. the process of decomposing organic matter (as in sewage) by bacteria or by chemical action or heat

digestive

- n. any substance that promotes digestion
- a. relating to or having the power to cause or promote digestion

dignity

- n. high office or rank or station
- n. formality in bearing and appearance

digress

- v. wander from a direct or straight course
- v. lose clarity or turn aside especially from the main subject of attention or course of argument in writing, thinking, or speaking

digression

- n. a turning aside (of your course or attention or concern)
- n. a message that departs from the main subject

dilate

- v. become wider
- v. add details, as to an account or idea; clarify the meaning of and discourse in a learned way, usually in writing

dilemma

- n. state of uncertainty or perplexity especially as requiring a choice between equally unfavorable options

diligent

- a. quietly and steadily persevering especially in detail or exactness
- a. characterized by care and perseverance in carrying out tasks

diligently

ad. with diligence; in a diligent manner

dilute

a. reduced in strength or concentration or quality or purity

v. lessen the strength or flavor of a solution or mixture

dilution

n. weakening (reducing the concentration) by the addition of water or a thinner

n. a diluted solution

dim

v. become dim or lusterless

v. make dim or lusterless

dime

n. a United States coin worth one tenth of a dollar

n. street name for a packet of illegal drugs that is sold for ten dollars

dimension

n. a construct whereby objects or individuals can be distinguished

n. one of three Cartesian coordinates that determine a position in space

dimensional

a. of or relating to dimensions

a. having dimension--the quality or character or stature proper to a person

diminish

v. decrease in size, extent, or range

v. lessen the authority, dignity, or reputation of

dimly

ad. with a dim light

ad. in a dim indistinct manner

dinosaur

n. any of numerous extinct terrestrial reptiles of the Mesozoic era

dioxide

n. an oxide containing two atoms of oxygen in the molecule

diplomacy

n. subtly skillful handling of a situation

n. wisdom in the management of public affairs

diplomatic

a. using or marked by tact in dealing with sensitive matters or people

a. relating to or characteristic of diplomacy

disadvantage

- v. put at a disadvantage; hinder, harm
- n. the quality of having an inferior or less favorable position

disagreeable

- a. unpleasant to interact with
- a. not to your liking

disappointment

- n. an act (or failure to act) that disappoints someone
- n. a feeling of dissatisfaction that results when your expectations are not realized

disapproval

- n. the act of disapproving or condemning
- n. a feeling of disliking something or what someone is doing

disaster

- n. an event resulting in great loss and misfortune
- n. a state of extreme (usually irremediable) ruin and misfortune

disastrous

- a. (of events) having extremely unfortunate or dire consequences; bringing ruin

discard

- v. throw or cast away
- n. getting rid something that is regarded as useless or undesirable

discern

- v. detect with the senses

discernible

- a. capable of being seen or noticed
- a. capable of being perceived clearly

discerning

- a. quick to understand
- a. having or revealing keen insight and good judgment

discharge

- v. complete or carry out
- n. a formal written statement of relinquishment

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- n. a formal written statement of relinquishment

disciple

- n. someone who believes and helps to spread the doctrine of another

discipline

- n. a branch of knowledge
- v. punish in order to gain control or enforce obedience

discipline

- n. a branch of knowledge
- v. punish in order to gain control or enforce obedience

disciplined

- n. a branch of knowledge
- v. punish in order to gain control or enforce obedience

discomfort

- n. an uncomfortable feeling of mental painfulness or distress
- n. the state of being tense and feeling pain

disconnect

- v. pull the plug of (electrical appliances) and render inoperable
- v. make disconnected, disjoin or unfasten

discontent

- v. make dissatisfied
- a. showing or experiencing dissatisfaction or restless longing

discontented

- a. showing or experiencing dissatisfaction or restless longing

discount

- n. a refund of some fraction of the amount paid
- n. the act of reducing the selling price of merchandise

discourage

- v. admonish or counsel in terms of someone's behavior
- v. try to prevent; show opposition to

discouraging

- a. expressing disapproval
- a. depriving of confidence or hope or enthusiasm and hence often deterring action

discourse

- v. to consider or examine in speech or writing
- n. extended verbal expression in speech or writing

discreet

- a. unobtrusively perceptive and sympathetic
- a. marked by prudence or modesty and wise self-restraint

discrete

- a. constituting a separate entity or part

disgrace

- n. a state of dishonor
- v. damage the reputation of

disguise

- n. the act of concealing the identity of something by modifying its appearance
- n. any attire that modifies the appearance in order to conceal the wearer's identity

disgust

- v. cause aversion in; offend the moral sense of
- v. fill with distaste

disgusted

- a. having a strong distaste from surfeit

disintegrate

- v. lose a stored charge, magnetic flux, or current
- v. break into parts or components or lose cohesion or unity

disinterested

- a. unaffected by self-interest

dismal

- a. causing dejection

dismay

- v. fill with apprehension or alarm; cause to be unpleasantly surprised
- v. lower someone's spirits; make downhearted

dismember

- v. separate the limbs from the body
- v. divide into pieces

dismiss

- v. bar from attention or consideration
- v. end one's encounter with somebody by causing or permitting the person to leave

disorganize

- v. remove the organization from

dispatch

- n. killing a person or animal
- v. dispose of rapidly and without delay and efficiently

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dispense

- v. give or apply (medications)
- v. administer or bestow, as in small portions

disperse

- v. separate (light) into spectral rays
- v. cause to separate

displace

- v. terminate the employment of; discharge from an office or position
- v. cause to move or shift into a new position or place, both in a concrete and in an abstract sense

displacement

- n. act of taking the place of another especially using underhanded tactics
- n. to move something from its natural environment

display

- n. behavior that makes your feelings public
- n. an electronic device that represents information in visual form

dispose

- v. throw or cast away
- v. give, sell, or transfer to another

disposed

- a. (usually followed by `to') naturally disposed toward
- a. having made preparations

disposition

- n. an attitude of mind especially one that favors one alternative over others
- n. a natural or acquired habit or characteristic tendency in a person or thing

disproportionate

- a. out of proportion
- a. not proportionate

dispute

- v. take exception to
- n. a disagreement or argument about something important

disregard

- v. refuse to acknowledge
- n. willful lack of care and attention

disrepute

- n. the state of being held in low esteem

disrespect

- n. a manner that is generally disrespectful and contemptuous
- n. a disrespectful mental attitude

disrupt

- v. make a break in
- v. throw into disorder

disseminate

- v. cause to become widely known

dissenter

- n. a person who dissents from some established policy

dissertation

- n. a treatise advancing a new point of view resulting from research; usually a requirement for an advanced academic degree

dissimilar

- a. not similar
- a. not alike or similar

dissipate

- v. live a life of pleasure, especially with respect to alcoholic consumption
- v. spend frivolously and unwisely

dissipated

- a. preoccupied with the pursuit of pleasure and especially games of chance
- a. unrestrained by convention or morality

dissolve

- v. cause to lose control emotionally
- v. stop functioning or cohering as a unit

distance

- v. go far ahead of
- n. the property created by the space between two objects or points

distant

- a. located far away spatially
- a. far apart in relevance or relationship or kinship

distasteful

- a. highly offensive; arousing aversion or disgust
- a. not pleasing in odor or taste

distend

- v. become wider
- v. cause to expand as it by internal pressure

distill

- v. undergo condensation; change from a gaseous to a liquid state and fall in drops
- v. extract by the process of distillation

distinct

- a. constituting a separate entity or part
- a. recognizable; marked

distinction

- n. a distinguishing quality
- n. a discrimination between things as different and distinct

distinctive

- a. capable of being classified
- a. of a feature that helps to distinguish a person or thing

distinctively

- ad. in an identifiably distinctive manner

distinctly

- ad. clear to the mind; with distinct mental discernment
- ad. to a distinct degree

distinguish

- v. make conspicuous or noteworthy
- v. mark as different

distinguished

- a. used of a person's appearance or behavior; befitting an eminent person
- a. (used of persons) standing above others in character or attainment or reputation

distort

- v. affect as in thought or feeling
- v. form into a spiral shape

distortion

- n. an optical phenomenon resulting from the failure of a lens or mirror to produce a good image
- n. a shape resulting from distortion

distract

- v. draw someone's attention away from something
- v. disturb in mind or make uneasy or cause to be worried or alarmed

distress

- n. extreme physical pain
- v. cause mental pain to

distribute

- v. administer or bestow, as in small portions
- v. distribute or disperse widely

distribution

- n. the act of distributing or spreading or apportioning
- n. the commercial activity of transporting and selling goods from a producer to a consumer

district

- v. regulate housing in; of certain areas of towns
- n. a region marked off for administrative or other purposes

disturb

- v. damage as if by shaking or jarring
- v. tamper with

disturbance

- n. (psychiatry) a psychological disorder of thought or emotion; a more neutral term than mental illness
- n. activity that is a malfunction, intrusion, or interruption

dive

- v. plunge into water
- v. drop steeply

diver

- n. someone who dives (into water)
- n. large somewhat primitive fish-eating diving bird of the northern hemisphere having webbed feet placed far back; related to the grebes

divergence

- n. a variation that deviates from the standard or norm
- n. an infinite series that has no limit

divergent

- a. tending to move apart in different directions
- a. diverging from another or from a standard

diverse

- a. distinctly dissimilar or unlike
- a. many and different

diversification

- n. the act of introducing variety (especially in investments or in the variety of goods and services offered)
- n. the condition of being varied

diversified

- a. having variety of character or form or components; or having increased variety

diversify

- v. make (more) diverse
- v. spread into new habitats and produce variety or variegate

diversion

- n. an attack calculated to draw enemy defense away from the point of the principal attack
- n. a turning aside (of your course or attention or concern)

diversity

- n. the condition or result of being changeable
- n. noticeable heterogeneity

divert

- v. withdraw (money) and move into a different location, often secretly and with dishonest intentions
- v. turn aside; turn away from

divide

- v. make a division or separation
- v. act as a barrier between; stand between

division

- n. a league ranked by quality
- n. the act or process of dividing

divorce

- n. the legal dissolution of a marriage
- v. part; cease or break association with

dizziness

- n. a reeling sensation; a feeling that you are about to fall

dizzy

- v. make dizzy or giddy
- a. lacking seriousness; given to frivolity

docile

- a. easily handled or managed
- a. ready and willing to be taught

doctrine

- n. a belief (or system of beliefs) accepted as authoritative by some group or school

document

- n. a written account of ownership or obligation
- v. support or supply with references

documentary

- a. emphasizing or expressing things as perceived without distortion of personal feelings, insertion of fictional matter, or interpretation
- a. relating to or consisting of or derived from documents

documentation

- n. confirmation that some fact or statement is true through the use of documentary evidence
- n. documentary validation

dogged

- a. stubbornly unyielding

dogma

- n. a religious doctrine that is proclaimed as true without proof
- n. a doctrine or code of beliefs accepted as authoritative

doll

- n. a small replica of a person; used as a toy
- n. informal terms for a (young) woman

dolphin

- n. any of various small toothed whales with a beaklike snout; larger than porpoises
- n. large slender food and game fish widely distributed in warm seas (especially around Hawaii)

domain

- n. territory over which rule or control is exercised
- n. the content of a particular field of knowledge

domestic

- a. of concern to or concerning the internal affairs of a nation
- a. converted or adapted to domestic use

domesticate

- v. adapt (a wild plant or unclaimed land) to the environment
- v. make fit for cultivation, domestic life, and service to humans

domesticated

- a. converted or adapted to domestic use
- a. accustomed to home life

dominant

- a. exercising influence or control
- n. (music) the fifth note of the diatonic scale

dominate

- v. be greater in significance than
- v. look down on

donate

- v. give to a charity or good cause

donation

- n. a voluntary gift (as of money or service or ideas) made to some worthwhile cause
- n. act of giving in common with others for a common purpose especially to a charity

donor

- n. (medicine) someone who gives blood or tissue or an organ to be used in another person (the host)
- n. person who makes a gift of property

dormant

- a. lying with head on paws as if sleeping
- a. in a condition of biological rest or suspended animation

dormitory

- n. a large sleeping room containing several beds
- n. a college or university building containing living quarters for students

dorsal

- a. belonging to or on or near the back or upper surface of an animal or organ or part
- a. facing away from the axis of an organ or organism

dot

- n. a very small circular shape
- n. the United States federal department that institutes and coordinates national transportation programs; created in 1966

doubt

- v. lack confidence in or have doubts about
- v. consider unlikely or have doubts about

doubtful

- a. open to doubt or suspicion
- a. fraught with uncertainty or doubt

downtown

- n. the central area or commercial center of a town or city
- ad. toward or in the lower or central part of town

draft

- n. a regulator for controlling the flow of air in a fireplace
- n. the act of moving a load by drawing or pulling

drag

- n. clothing that is conventionally worn by the opposite sex (especially women's clothing when worn by a man)
- v. suck in or take (air)

dragonfly

- n. slender-bodied non-stinging insect having iridescent wings that are outspread at rest; adults and nymphs feed on mosquitoes etc.

drain

- v. empty of liquid; drain the liquid from
- v. flow off gradually

drainage

n. emptying something accomplished by allowing liquid to run out of it

drama

n. a dramatic work intended for performance by actors on a stage

n. an episode that is turbulent or highly emotional

dramatic

a. suitable to or characteristic of drama

a. used of a singer or singing voice that is marked by power and expressiveness and a histrionic or theatrical style

dramatically

ad. with respect to dramatic value

ad. in a dramatic manner

dramatize

v. put into dramatic form

v. represent something in a dramatic manner

drastic

a. forceful and extreme and rigorous

draw

n. an entertainer who attracts large audiences

v. choose at random

drawback

v. pull back or move away or backward

v. use a surgical instrument to hold open (the edges of a wound or an organ)

drawer

n. the person who writes a check or draft instructing the drawee to pay someone else

n. a boxlike container in a piece of furniture; made so as to slide in and out

drawing

n. an illustration that is drawn by hand and published in a book, magazine, or newspaper

n. a representation of forms or objects on a surface by means of lines

dread

a. causing fear or dread or terror

v. be afraid or scared of; be frightened of

dreadful

a. very unpleasant

a. causing fear or dread or terror

dreadfully

ad. in a dreadful manner

ad. of a dreadful kind

dreary

a. causing dejection

a. lacking in liveliness or charm or surprise

drift

n. a large mass of material that is heaped up by the wind or by water currents

v. be piled up in banks or heaps by the force of wind or a current

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driftwood

n. wood that is floating or that has been washed ashore

drill

v. learn by repetition

v. teach by repetition

drip

v. fall in drops

v. let or cause to fall in drops

dripstone

n. the form of calcium carbonate found in stalactites and stalagmites

n. a protective drip that is made of stone

drought

n. a prolonged shortage

n. a shortage of rainfall

drowsy

a. half asleep

a. showing lack of attention or boredom

drudgery

n. hard monotonous routine work

ductile

a. easily influenced

a. capable of being shaped or bent or drawn out

due

a. scheduled to arrive

ad. directly or exactly; straight

dull

- a. being or made softer or less loud or clear
- a. slow to learn or understand; lacking intellectual acuity

dumb

- a. temporarily incapable of speaking
- a. unable to speak because of hereditary deafness

dump

- n. a place where supplies can be stored
- v. fall abruptly

duplicate

- n. something additional of the same kind
- a. being two identical

durable

- a. capable of withstanding wear and tear and decay
- a. very long lasting

duration

- n. continuance in time
- n. the period of time during which something continues

dwarf

- v. make appear small by comparison
- n. a plant or animal that is atypically small

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dwell

- v. come back to
- v. think moodily or anxiously about something

dweller

- n. a person who inhabits a particular place

dwelling

- n. housing that someone is living in

dye

- v. color with dye
- n. a usually soluble substance for staining or coloring e.g. fabrics or hair

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dynamic

n. an efficient incentive

a. characterized by action or forcefulness or force of personality

dynamics

n. the branch of mechanics concerned with the forces that cause motions of bodies